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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant for Technical Development, NPIC

THROUGH : Chief, Development Staff, TDS

SUBJECT : The Twin Stage On-Line PI Comparator

1. On 3 May 1967, a meeting was held between the Acting Chief of Development Staff, [ ] and Chief, Exploitation Systems Branch. The subject of discussion was the Twin Stage PI On-Line Stereo Comparator and related to the advisability of attempting to contract for this project during FY-1967. The crux of the matter is basically that, of the four proposals received on our Request For Proposal that was sent out through Mr. [ ] only two showed any real promise of the Contractor understanding the problem. These two Contractors are [ ]

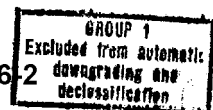
[ ] and the [ ] The most complete proposal in a technical sense is the [ ] proposal. From a cost standpoint it's very difficult to entertain this proposal because there is over a [ ] difference in the high option between the [ ] and the [ ] proposals. The [ ] proposal leaves many questions in a technical sense unanswered and leaves grave doubts, in the minds of the people analyzing the proposal, as to what the cost figures actually mean. It is the general feeling of my Branch that there are many hidden costs which are not quoted in the [ ] proposal. This leaves us with an alternative of accepting (a) a fairly good technical proposal which is prohibitively expensive (not only in the prototype but in production units), (b) of going to a very weak technical proposal which shows some indication of reasonable costing but where we feel that the ultimate cost will probably be considerably higher than quoted price, and (c) attempting to go back to both of these contractors with modified parameters and seeing if we cannot get what would amount to an acceptable proposal. However, if we follow alternative (c) we obviously cannot proceed in the time frame left in FY-1967.

2. After considerable discussion between [ ] and myself, it is our concerted opinion that we can only take the third alternative and hold the project over to 1968; understanding, of course, that there are risks of losing the funding, but we do not feel that we have an acceptable proposal at this point and cannot proceed in good conscience.

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3. It is, therefore, our joint recommendation that this particular project be cancelled for FY-1967 and re-scheduled for FY-1968. [REDACTED] has been verbally informed of our recommendation and this is to serve as a written record of that recommendation and the reasons for making it.

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Chief, Exploitation Systems Branch, DS

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